



Released on March 27, 2006

Contact: Kim Ritchie (360)902-1962
nass-wa@nass.usda.gov

HOPS SOLD AHEAD SURVEY RESULTS **MARCH 2006**

The 2006 sold ahead position for the US hop industry is up nine points from the 2005 position. The following years' positions are mostly higher than the 2005 survey, but lower when compared with preceding surveys. The survey data are reported by hop growers from Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Data from the survey are used to calculate a percentage and quantity of the US hop crop sold for 2006, and following years.

	<u>US Sold Ahead Position</u>			
<u>Crop Year</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Pounds of Hops	40,178,989	20,327,911	14,034,657	8,767,139
Percent of Crop	75.93%	38.42%	26.52%	16.57%

